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CENSUS ON MARINE FISHERIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the census on marine fisheries has been conducted recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has published its Report;

(d) if so, the details and features thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which it is likely to be published?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Census on Marine Fisheries was conducted by Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) for all the mainland maritime States/UTs and by Fishery Survey of India (FSI) for the UTs of Andaman & Nicobar islands and Lakshadweep island in the year 2005 to count the men and material village/district-wise involved in the marine fishery sector, and to assess the education status & socio-economic condition of the fishers like their employment in active fishing or allied activity, membership in cooperatives, gender ratios etc.

(c)to (e) Yes Sir, the reports of CMFRI and FSI have been released. As per the reports, there are 3322 marine fishing villages having 7.65 lakh households in India. Out of total population of 35.75 lakh dependent on marine fisheries 56.76% people have received some education; 25.23% people are engaged in active fishing and 21.45% persons are engaged in fisheries allied activities. There are 2,43,939 crafts including 59,743 mechanized boats, 76,748 motorized boats and 1,07,448 non-motorized boats engaged in fisheries sector of the country